in the last three years are given below:—

Year	Number of cases Investigated	No. of cases in which Regular Departmental Action Initiated
1990-91	162	70
1991-92	190	45
1992-93	180	66

(d) No, Sir. (e) Does not arise.

Steps to avoid delays in Banks

126. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that avoidable delays and malpractices indulged in by the nationalised banks in their dealings with the exporters are resulting in a loss of Rs. 100 croreg foreign exchange every year as per the (newsitem entitled *Hindustan Times* dated the 5-6-1993;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what corrective steps Government have taken/propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Delhi Exporters Association had represented to Government in May, 1993 regarding their operational problems with banks. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have also considered these problems in their Standing Committee on Export Finance in July, 1993. On receipt of specific complaints, the concerned banks will take - remedial measures.

Factors responsible for smuggling of contraband items into the country

127. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Customs. Intelligence and Directorate of Revenue Intelligence had taken up an exercise to identify the nexus between the police, coast guards, the departmental officials and the landing agents engaged in the smuggling of the contraband goods into the country;

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government against those found engaged in such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHAiNDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) No.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Borrowing Funds from Abroad

128. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to borrow funds internationally at 10 per cent in dollar terms on foreign investment in power sector;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor stating the implications involved with regard to the balance of payment position;,

(c) whether Government have considered the question of approaching the World Bank or to raise bonds in the international market as in the case of IDBs; and

(d) if not, what weighed with Government for not adopting the course at (c) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government have approached the World Bank from time to time for assistance for power projects, but have not (hitherto raised bonds for this purpose in international markets.

(d) Government has hitherto never directly borrowed in international markets, and currently has no intention of doing so.

Memorandum from European Community on India's Economic Reform Programme

129. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govt, have received any memorandum from European Community (EC) on India's economic reforms programme;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Tamil Nadu Government's Proposal to Clearance before. Foreign Investment Pro motion Board

130. SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tamil Nadu Govern ment has sent any project report for setting up an industrial park at Sholinganal-lur (Madras) for clearance from Foreigr Investment Promotion Board;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cosi of this project?

(c) what are the salient features of this project;, and

(d) by when the project will be completed? ,

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Tax Evasion by Industrial Houses

131. SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the top industrial houses are indulging in wilful evasion of various Government taxes, thus affecting adversely the revenue collection;

(b) if so, what is the total number of such cases under Income Tax, Customs